

Mayfield Schools  
Literature for Innovation Hour

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Title	Author	©	Grades	Type	Summary	Key concepts
11 Experiments That Failed	Offill, Jenny & Nancy Carpenter	2011	2-5	Picture Book	Humorous story about a little girl who performs 11 unusual experiments which all fail.	Scientific process, creativity requires thoughtfulness
Ben Franklin's Big Splash	Rosenstock, Barb	2014	3-5	Nonfiction (history)	The story of Ben's first invention as a boy.	Learning from mistakes
Going Places	Reynolds, Peter	2014	All	Picture Book	A contest to build a go-cart inspires two kids to build things that are new and different.	Creativity
Iggy Peck, Architect	Beaty, Andrea	2007	All	Picture Book	A second grader teaches his class architecture, but his teacher doesn't appreciate his work.	Creativity, passion, self-expression
Ish	Reynolds, Peter	2004	All	Picture Book	A boy loses his love of drawing when his brother criticizes his work.	Creativity, there's no "right" way
It's Okay to Make Mistakes	Parr, Todd	2014	K-2	Picture Book	A variety of characters experience happy accidents, mistakes, and mess-ups.	Learning from mistakes
Not a Box	Portis, Antoinette	2007	K-2	Picture Book	A rabbit uses his imagination to turn a box into many things.	Imagination
Not a Stick	Portis, Antoinette	2008	K-2	Picture Book	A pig uses his imagination to turn a stick into many things.	Imagination
Oh, the Things You Can Think!	Dr. Seuss	1975	K-2	First Reader	A rhyming book filled with nonsense words about thinking.	Imagination, wonder
On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein	Berne, Jennifer	2013	3-5	Nonfiction (biography)	The life story of Albert Einstein who was different from his peers and spent his life wondering.	Ideas, questions, wonder
Rosie Revere, Engineer	Beaty, Andrea	2013	All	Picture Book	A little girl constructs great inventions from odds and ends. She hides them for fear of failure.	Learning from mistakes, perseverance
The Dot	Reynolds, Peter	2003	All	Picture Book	A girl discovers she can be an artist beginning with a single dot.	Creativity, there is no "right" way
The Most Magnificent Thing	Spires, Ashley	2014	All	Picture Book	A little girl wants to make a magnificent thing but gives up. She takes a break and comes back to it.	Perseverance
The OK Book	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	2007	K-2	Picture Book	The narrator explains that he's okay at doing a lot of things. He has fun trying them, knowing someday he will excel at one.	Self-acceptance
What Do You Do With an Idea?	Yamada, Kobi	2013	2-5	Picture Book	A child has an idea, but he's not sure what to do with it at first. He learns it can change the world.	Inspiration, creativity, self-esteem